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Dulles Loses Ground in His Battle

Can Talk Briefly To His Family

By Warren Rogers

WASHINGTON, May 15.—John Foster Dulles is growing weaker by the day in his uphill battle against spreading cancer and pneumonia.

There was no new official word since the State Department reported yesterday "some further decline." But it was learned that the seventy-one-year-old former Secretary of State is confined to bed under sedatives against constant pain.

His family and intimate friends gathered in Washington to be with him as much as possible at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. It was understood he is able to talk with them on brief visits but that he no longer shows interest in foreign policy, the passion which ab-

sorted and shaped his life. Family members called to Washington a week ago, when the pneumonia diagnosis was made, include a son, John Dulles, a Marine City engineer; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Hinchey of New York City, and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Edwards of New York City.

Already here were Mr. Dulles' wife, Janet; his brother, Allen W. Dulles, director of the central intelligence agency; a sister, Eleanor, a State Department specialist on Germany, and a son, Avery, a Jesuit priest studying in Washington.

Mr. Dulles first suffered cancer two and one-half years ago. A portion of his large intestine was removed at Walter Reed then and found to be malignant. On Feb. 9 he entered the hospital again for a hernia operation. Surgery on Feb. 13 disclosed a renewal of abdominal cancer.

Radiation Treatment

Walter Reed doctors first tried giving him massive deep-therapeutic radiation to halt the spread of the cancer. They followed this up with injections of radioactive gold.

Despite the pain and nausea attendant on these treatments, Mr. Dulles seemed to rally. He went to Florida to rest and restore his strength, but on April 12 he flew back and re-entered Walter Reed.

Doctors reported a new malignancy in the neck area. It was then he resigned as Secretary of State and became a special foreign policy consultant to President Eisenhower.

The pneumonia attack developed May 3 and has not cleared up. State Department press officer Lindsay White reported yesterday "some further

decline in his general condition" and said medical bulletins will be issued only if required by any change.

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